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AN ACT

To amend chapter 565, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to human embryos, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 565, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 565.310 and 565.314, to read as follows:

565.310. 1. Any person or entity that selects a human embryo for implantation through in vitro fertilization based on the gender of such embryo is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Any second or subsequent violation of this section is a class D felony.

2. For purposes of this section, a "human embryo" is an embryo that is produced by the union of two gametes or the transfer or inclusion of genetic material from a human donor to a human ovum.

565.314. 1. A person or entity commits the crime of unlawful genetic engineering of humans if such person or entity:

(1) Adds genes or other genetic material from any nonhuman species to a human embryo;

(2) Adds genes or other genetic material from another nonhuman species to a human sperm or human ovum which is used to create a human embryo;

(3) Uses an ovum from a nonhuman species to create a human embryo; or

(4) Adds to or deletes human genes or other human genetic material from a human embryo except as a therapy, cure, or prevention of a specific debility or disease.

2. For purposes of this section, "human embryo" means an embryo up to the twelfth week of development, whether created

15 sexually or asexually. For purposes of this section, the age of the
16 human embryo shall not be calculated to include any time spent in
17 frozen stasis.

18 3. Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a
19 class B felony. Any second or subsequent violation of this section is a
20 class A felony.

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